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Milwaukee County Sheriff's Detective Uncovers Scheme to Deliver Heroin to Milwaukee County Jail

Milwaukee, WI - A Milwaukee County Sheriff's detective arrested a 33-year-old woman who participated in a covert scheme to deliver heroin to her husband, an inmate at the Milwaukee County Jail. The woman put .02 grams of heroin inside a greeting card and mailed it to the jail. However, all mail is screened before it is delivered to inmates and the heroin was detected during the pro-active screening process which makes it difficult to get drugs or other contraband inside the jail.

Upon further investigation that included the monitoring of the inmate's calls, the MCSO detective uncovered a scheme in which the inmate used "bird calls" and other code words to discuss an attempted heroin delivery. Richmond's husband, 37-year-old Tyree Pope is currently in the jail for *Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine and Possession of Heroin*.

The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office has charged Tamekia R. Richmond of Milwaukee with *Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Deliver Controlled Substance – Heroin* and *Party to a Crime*. If convicted, she faces a maximum sentence of up to 15 years in prison.

Richmond has a prior drug conviction which includes possession with intent to deliver. Pope also has a prior convictions for charges that include *possession with intent to deliver and felon in possession of a firearm*.

*** Note: A copy of the criminal complaint is available upon request. ***